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1. Mr. Borden, Executive Director of the staff of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, inquired in connection with the Director's recent letter concerning CIA priorities on atomic energy intelligence as to whether our reply that such intelligence received "unique high priority" was equivalent to Senator McMahon's request as to whether it received "uniquely high priority". I have replied in the affirmative.

2. Mr. Borden also inquired as to whether CIA might have available a good security officer who was thinking of leaving and might be qualified to accept the post of security officer for the Joint Committee. I have referred this question to for consideration.

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4. Senator McCarran, Chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has written the Director requesting information as to the present whereabouts of 17 foreigners who have either contributed to or been associated with the Institute of Pacific Relations. This information was desired for the record to show that many of the persons listed were behind the Iron Curtain and therefore not available to the Committee for testimony. Mr. Pforzheimer discussed this letter with Mr. Sourwine, Counsel of the Judiciary Committee, and suggested that the letter be withdrawn on the basis that the information desired for the record would give an indication to the Communists either

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that we were well informed as to the whereabouts of certain persons abroad or by lack of information were unable to trace the whereabouts of certain active Communists. In either case Mr. Pforzheimer stated that such information should not be on the record as a matter of security. Mr. Sourwine stated that he had given instructions to clear this letter with CIA prior to sending it and that these instructions had not been carried out. In view of the facts presented by Mr. Pforzheimer, Mr./Sourwine has recommended, and Senator McCarran has now authorized, that CIA destroy his letter of 6 May without reply. A similar letter has gone to the Attorney General, and Mr. Pforzheimer is informing ADSO so that the Department of Justice will not supply the Senate Judiciary Committee with the requested information through data supplied to the Justice Department from CIA/CE files.

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